

# MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY

*North East*

## **Trade Justice Mo**

Global Week of Action for Trade Justice

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Saturday 16 April

### **Week-long Action (24/7) at Grey's Monument**

We are planning a week-long vigil at Grey's Monument, central Newcastle, to bring Trade Justice to the attention of many thousands of people. Subject to permission, etc., this will be '12/7', or as close to it as your support permits. This action could well be unique within the UK!

**Get your union/church, etc., to take responsibility for one of those 12s!**

### **Highlight of the Week 1:**

**Rally round the Angel – Rally for Trade Justice**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 3.00-4.00pm**

Wear a white top for this event! Why not plan to do the "Monument to Monument Walk", setting off from the Angel at 4.00pm and hiking to Grey's Monument to show solidarity with the Vigil?

### **Highlight of the Week 2:**

**Wake up to Trade Justice**

**Friday night, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 10pm-8am, Central London**

Ten thousand candles – One amazing night

A great experience, and a great opportunity to add your voice:

***Fair Trade, not Free Trade!***

For further details, visit [www.tradejusticemovement.org.uk](http://www.tradejusticemovement.org.uk)



**Observe World Debt Day**  
**to MAKE DEBT HISTORY**  
**16<sup>th</sup> May 2005**

On 16<sup>th</sup> May 1998, a 'Human Chain' of 70,000 supporters of Jubilee 2000 and its partners from around the world surrounded a meeting of the G8 in Birmingham, calling for the cancellation of Third World debt. For the first time, global poverty was thrust to the forefront of the agenda of world leaders, where it has remained ever since. Consequently, a meeting of campaigners was convened in Birmingham on the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chain and used to issue a call for the establishment of an international 'World Debt Day'.

**Aims & Objectives:**

To call attention to the ongoing debt crisis ("lest we forget"), whilst celebrating the progress already made; provide a global rallying point for all those who continue to care about the suffering being caused by debt; and encourage campaigners by providing an opportunity for action and advocacy.

**A warm welcome:**

*"The Government of Guyana salutes the organizers of the World Debt Day for sustaining the momentum of the fight to reduce the debt burden of developing countries"* (President Bharrat Jagdeo).

*"Jubilee Debt Campaign has given a voice to the millions of people who care about the problem of world debt. 'World Debt Day' will send the message that more needs to be done to match words with action to help the poorest people in the world... Conservatives wish you well on World Debt Day"* (Rt Hon Michael Howard QC MP).

*"On the occasion of World Debt Day, we join hands with our brethren and sisters who are campaigning for the betterment of the poor. We appeal to [everyone] in the North and South to pressurise their governments and financial institutions to agree to the total cancellation of the debts of poor countries"* (Cardinal Pengo, Archbishop of Dar Es Salaam).

*"World Debt Day on May 16th is a reminder of one of the great moral challenges of our time...Many of the poorest countries in the world carry a crushing burden of debt. Jubilee Debt Campaign, therefore, deserves our support in their attempt to end this injustice. I urge Christians of all traditions, in the light of the Bible's 'bias to the poor', to give this campaign all the help they can, and I pray God's blessing upon it"* (Rev Dr Neil Richardson, President of the Methodist Conference).

*"I am delighted to hear about World Debt Day. The debt burden of poor countries remains a blot on the conscience of the world and few things are more important... than abolishing this appalling unjust situation..."* (Rt Rev Ambrose Griffiths, former Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle).

**Observe World Debt Day 2005:**

**A simple campaigning action will be suggested nearer the time. For now, ask your church or other faith group to plan to make a feature of debt (however brief) over the weekend 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May, or another in that month. Get it to invite your MP to attend the service and read the lesson – good for the MP and for the group! A draft letter of invitation and relevant ideas is available at [www.ncl.ac.uk/chaplaincy](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/chaplaincy), or by post from David Golding.**

Full worship/drama/sermon materials will be available by post and on websites (see [www.ncl.ac.uk/chaplaincy](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/chaplaincy) or [www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk](http://www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk)) in the near future.

# Run to MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY in 2005

## Great North Run, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September



Our team of nearly 60 in the Great North Run 2004 gave great publicity to the debt and trade campaigns, and raised sponsorship money of nearly £12,000, most of it for aid agencies of their choice, for the prevention of HIV and the care of AIDS sufferers and orphans. Our warmest congratulations to our intrepid runners and sincere thanks to their sponsors.

*Left: The 'Edwards duo', Jonathan and Professor Christopher, two of JDC's Patrons, meet team members.*

The Great North Run will be the NE's unique contribution to the campaign in 2005 and our T-shirts will be blazoned with the **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY** logo. Why not join our team and be part of it! (Further details from David Golding).

## Campaigning really works!

*- says President Mkapa of Tanzania*

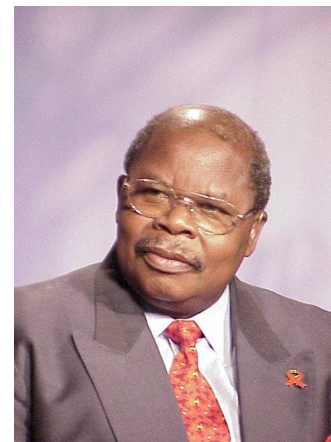
"When I became President in 1995... one of my first priorities was to ask for debt relief: you were among my greatest partners in that campaign. Together we waged a worthy struggle and, in 2001, Tanzania was granted significant debt relief. As promised, this [relief] was directed to the priority sectors in education, health, water, rural roads and HIV/AIDS.

"[For example,] the primary school population has increased by 66%, we have built 45,000 classrooms and 1,925 new primary schools; we have recruited 37,250 new teachers and retrained another 14,852... We believe the goal of universal primary education can be attained in 2006, 9 years ahead of the 2015 target!

"You have every reason to share with us the satisfaction with these successes. Together we have achieved much, but much remains to be done..."

*Ben Mkapa*

***Is this the time?***



**"We are the inheritors of a long struggle for justice. When Wilberforce was fighting against slavery, it was the time. When Martin Luther King was marching against racism, it was the time. When as young students we danced against apartheid, it was the time."** (Farai Siyachitema Maruza)

Like Farai, "we have recognised the oppression of the debt crisis" and of trade injustice. Like her, "we are going to tackle these injustices with all our might." **This is now the time for jubilee and for trade justice - the time to MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY!**

Historic National Gathering to  
**MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY**

**Edinburgh, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2005**

**Coaches booked for 1,000 people!**

**From every major town and city in the North East!**

The North East is right in the 'front line' for the great national gathering in central Edinburgh on 2nd July - if we can't make a major contribution to this, who can? So be part of it, whether you're a veteran of Birmingham, Cologne and Genoa, or have never stood with us before!

This will be a peaceful, good humoured and fun occasion – all our rallies have been just that. The world leaders don't arrive until the following weekend and, even then, they will be at Gleneagles, many miles away, so there will be nothing at all about our event to invite trouble. Of course, nothing in life is 100% risk-free but, realistically, there is more reason for concern about road accidents, than about trouble in Edinburgh! However, the event is perfectly timed and placed to influence public and political opinion.



*Right: NE campaigners in Cologne, where we won our first major victory.*

Book early yourself; tell everyone about it; and bring a party of family and friends

**Book by 'phone and credit card (£15.30): Classic Coaches, tel. 01 207 282 225**

By post and cheque (£15): Classic Coaches, Morrison Road, Annfield Plain, STANLEY, Co. Durham, DH9 7RX

***Participants must be 18 or over, unless they are accompanied by a responsible adult***

**Provisional Start Places and Times**

Alnwick	8.30 am	Durham	7.30 am	Newcastle	8.00 am
Barnard Castle	6.30 am	Gateshead	8.00 am	Stockton	7.00 am
Berwick	9.15 am	Hartlepool	7.00 am	Sunderland	7.30 am
Bishop Auckland	7.00 am	Hexham	8.00 am	Washington	8.00 am
Chester Le Street	7.30 am	Middlesborough	7.00 am	Whitley Bay	8.00 am
Cramlington	8.00 am				
Darlington	7.00 am	Morpeth	8.30 am		

Leave Edinburgh at 1700-1800hrs provisionally, back in North East late Saturday evening

***Please help us to keep in touch!***

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